



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

REMOVAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL CONTINUES ON SR-18

SAN BERNARDINO - Efforts continue to ensure that all gasoline-contaminated soil resulting from the recent spill is removed from State Route 18. San Bernardino County Fire, Hazardous Materials Division has located an unexpected area of contaminated soil in the "Parkway" or turn out area.

Caltrans continues to make repairs to the roadbed and shoulder. Caltrans anticipates opening the route Friday, March 10 if the contamination doesn't extend to the roadbed and weather permits. San Bernardino County Fire, Hazardous Materials Division, is conducting an assessment of the recently found contaminated soil. Their findings will determine if the Department will be able to open SR-18 this Friday. Caltrans will continue to provide updates.

Residents living within the closure limits will be allowed to enter and exit their property. Proof of residency is required. Accommodations will be made to emergency vehicles.

Match Corporation is the contractor on the roadway reconstruction. Ecology Control Industries is the environmental contractor.

DETOUR:

Motorists traveling to and from the Big Bear Lake community are advised to use SR-38 through Mentone or they can take SR-18 to SR-38 and detour onto the north side of Big Bear Lake.

Please check the Caltrans website for updates at www.dot.ca.gov/dist/8

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